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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr.  
and others relative to traffic signal control devices. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL DEVICES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 89 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Offi-  
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 7B the  
3 following new section:—

4 Section 7C.

5 (a) No person shall possess, use, or attempt to use any device  
6 designed or intended to change, disrupt, alter, interfere, or other-  
7 wise influence the operation of a traffic signal. The registrar of  
8 motor vehicles shall compile and maintain a non-exclusive list of  
9 traffic signal control devices that are prohibited under this section.

10 (1) A person found in possession of such a traffic signal control  
11 device while not in a motor vehicle shall be punished by a fine of  
12 not more \$125 dollars for a first offense and a fine of not more  
13 than \$250 for second and subsequent offenses.

14 (2) A person found in possession of such a traffic signal control  
15 device while in a motor vehicle shall be punished by a fine of not  
16 more than \$250 for a first offense and a fine of not more than  
17 \$500 for second and subsequent offenses.

18 (3) A person convicted of using or attempting to use such a  
19 traffic signal control device shall be punished by a fine of not  
20 more than \$500 for a first offense and a fine of not more than  
21 \$1,000 for second and subsequent offenses.

22 (4) If a person's use of such a traffic signal control device  
23 results in property damage or bodily injury, that person shall be  
24 punished by a fine of not more than \$1,500 for a first offense and  
25 a fine of not more than \$3,000 for second and subsequent  
26 offenses.

27 (b) This section shall not apply to:

28 (1) Federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel while in  
29 the course of their official duties.

30 (2) Firefighters while in the course of their official duties.

31 (3) Emergency medical services personnel while in the course  
32 of their official duties.

33 (4) State or municipal department of transportation or highway  
34 personnel while in the course of their official duties.

35 (c) The exemptions set forth in the provisions of subsection (b)  
36 shall only apply to such personnel when they are operating  
37 licensed ambulances, licensed fire apparatus, or government-  
38 owned vehicles.